



# Arabic Reader

Wise & Witty Quotes  
about ... **Diplomacy**  
**الدبلوماسية**

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# Quotations in the Language Classroom

1. Use quotes as **prompts** for writing practice. Ask your students to write about "What does it mean to you?" "How can you apply it to your own life?".
2. Encourage your students to **paraphrase** or **summarise** the quotes into their own words.
3. Use quotes as **conversation starters** for speaking practice (See sample questions in tip #2).
4. Encourage your students to **come up with their own quotes** in the TL to be shared for discussion and peer correction.
5. Make it a habit to **embed quotes of authentic sayings, proverbs, and passages** in your teaching material design and writing.
6. Display quotes as posters on your classroom wall for **motivation, inspiration, and regular exposure** to the target language (TL).
7. Use quotes as **authentic reading material** to contextualise specific vocabulary and language items you are planning to teach.
8. Use quotes to **create a continuous immersive language experience** in the classroom by frequently displaying a "Quote of the Week" or "Quote of the Day".



عِنْدَمَا يَقُولُ  
السِّيَاسِيُّ نَعَمْ  
فَإِنَّهُ يَغْنِي رُبَّمَا.  
وَعِنْدَمَا يَقُولُ رُبَّمَا  
فَهُوَ يَغْنِي لَا.  
وَعِنْدَمَا يَقُولُ لَا  
فَهُوَ لَيْسَ سِيَّاسِيًّا.

— Arabic Saying



الدبلوماسية  
هو الذي يفكر  
مرتين قبل أن  
لا يقول أي  
شيء.

— Edward Heath



إِنْ كَانَ بَيْنِي  
وَبَيْنَ النَّاسِ  
شَعْرَةٌ لِّمَا  
قُطِعَتْ. إِذَا أَرْخَوْا  
شَدَدْتُ، وَإِنْ  
شَدَّوْا أَرْخَيْتُ.

— (معاوية بن أبي سفيان)

Known as "the hair of Muawiya (شعرة معاوية)", this quote  
was the golden rule of Muawia in diplomacy.



إِنَّ الدِّبْلَوْقَاسِيَّةَ  
هِيَ الْفَنُّ الَّذِي  
يَجْعَلُكَ تَقُولُ لِكَلْبٍ  
شَرِسٍ يَا لَكَ مِنْ  
كَلْبٍ لَطِيفٍ حَتَّى  
تَجِدَ فُرْصَةً لِّلْتَقَاطِ  
قِطْعَةٍ مِنَ الْحَجَرِ.

— Walter Trumbull



الدبلوماسية هي  
رجل يستطيع أن  
يقطع رقبة  
خضمه، دون أن  
يستخدم  
السكين.

— Unkown